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SUBJECT: APPEARANCE IN COURT

REF: 2 FAM 221.5

1. MAY A DIPLOMATIC OFFICER VOLUNTARILY APPEAR IN COURT AS A WITNESS IN HOST COUNTRY COURT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST AN ALLEGED BURGLER WHEN THE OFFICER'S PERSONAL PROPERTY IS INVOLVED?
  2. RECENTLY, THE RESIDENCE OF HARRY CAHILL, COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WAS BURGLARIZED. THE STATE IS PROCEEDING AGAINST ONE OF ITS CITIZENS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED THE OFFENSE AND ISSUED A SUMMONS FOR MR. CAHILL TO APPEAR IN COURT AS A WITNESS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2 FAM 221.1 THE SUMMONS WAS REFUSED.
  3. AS MR. CAHILL'S EVIDENCE IS NECESSARY TO THE PROSECUTION, MAY THE EMBASSY, IN THE INTEREST OF COOPERATION WITH LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES, PERMIT HIM TO VOLUNTARILY APPEAR? TO GIVE TESTIMONY? AS BURGLARY IS ON THE INCREASE IN LAGOS WITH OUR RESIDENCES PRIME TARGETS, THIS QUESTION WILL CONTINUOUSLY ARISE. THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY IN THIS CASE WILL
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